

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding final Office Action mailed January 3, 2008. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

I. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

1-4, 6-8, 10-16, 17-21, 23-25, 35, 39, 40, and 41 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Sesek, et al.* ("Sesek," U.S. Pat. No. 7,221,800). Applicant respectfully traverses.

As indicated above, each of Applicant's remaining independent claims has been amended through this Response. In view of those amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections are moot.

Turning to the merits of claim 1, *Sesek* at least does not teach a printing device printing an electronic document received via a network, scanning handwritten content manually handwritten on the hard copy, and then adding the handwritten content to the electronic document. First, *Sesek* does not describe his disclosed digital transmitter device acting upon electronic documents that have been transmitted to the device via a network. Second, *Sesek* does not describe printing the received document as a hard copy, scanning handwritten content manually handwritten on hard copy, and then adding that handwritten content to the electronic document. Applicant notes that independent claims 17 and 40 contain similar recitations and are therefore allowable over *Sesek* for similar reasons.

II. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 9 and 22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Sesek* in view of *Adobe Acrobat 4.0 User Guide* ("Adobe"). Applicant respectfully traverses.

As identified above, *Sesek* does not teach aspects of Applicant's claims. In that Adobe does not remedy the deficiencies of the *Sesek* reference, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 9 and 22 are allowable over the *Sesek*/Adobe combination for at least the same reasons that claims 1 and 17 are allowable over *Sesek*/Adobe.

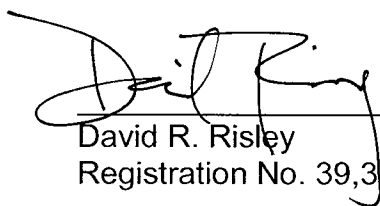
III. Canceled Claims

Claims 2, 4-6, 10, 13, 23, and 26-39 have been canceled from the application without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to present these canceled claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequently.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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